

DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS, INC.

To the voters of Newton,

For 24 years the Towns' of Newton and Kingston have supported the work of D.A.D. Inc., in bringing "Natural High" experiences to the children, youth and families of our communities. The following are some of the examples of our efforts to help children, youth and families address some of life's challenges.

The annual family skating parties held at Skateland for Memorial, Bakie and the Middle School students continue to attract whole families and are well attended. D.A.D.'s Natural High Day, (always held on Father's Day at YMCA Camp Lincoln) has become an institution. Families from both Newton and Kingston celebrate the positive aspects of coming together and experiencing a drug free event. In addition to the free barbeque lunch, interactive games and activities for all age groups, the world's largest whip cream fight remains the highlight of the day's events.

D.A.D. continues to emphasize substance abuse prevention programs to help families address the scourge of drugs, alcohol and its negative impact on our communities. Project Safeguard and Project Stand by Me for all 5th and 7th grade students and their parents/guardians is well attended. (These programs are subsidized through the school budget.)

Drugs Are Dangerous, Inc. is a registered NH non-profit corporation with the State of N.H. We are a small dedicated group of parents and individuals from Newton and Kingston trying to help children, youth and families "be the best they can be". The continued support of the voters of Newton in the amount of \$2,500 is very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristy A. Lacroix
D.A.D. President

FAMILY MEDIATION & JUVENILE SERVICES

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services' Board, staff, and volunteers celebrated our 30th anniversary in 2013. We marked the occasion during our annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on December 11, 2013. Some of our founding members were present to celebrate with us. This allowed us to highlight the evolution of our programming, from our roots in providing family mediation to diversion services to parenting consultations and classes.

2013 saw the launch of our new website. While we had a long time relationship with our former website host, the affiliation had become cost prohibitive. Changing hosts allowed us to save money and begin to create a more user-friendly, more appealing website.

As we had promised last year, there have been changes in the ways in which we track data. We are continuing to track such data as town of residence, town in which offense was committed, the type of services required, and the referral source. We are now researching potential software programs that will allow us to track and produce data more effectively. Again, our goals are to choose one that is affordable and effective. Family Mediation & Juveniles Services needs to be able track not only use, but the efficacy of our programming and services.

During February and March, 2013, Family Mediation & Juvenile Services partnered with Atkinson Academy and the Atkinson Women's Civic Club to provide a parenting class for parents of school-aged children. The class was well-attended, and we are hoping to partner with additional schools in the area to offer the same program.

Our requests for funding for the towns in our catchment area remained level. Family Mediation & Juvenile Services' Board of Directors and staff remain creative in our attempts to obtain additional funding to alleviate the burden of the towns that support us. This includes applying for grants, fundraising, and campaigning for individual contributions to our agency.

As always, we remain indebted to our volunteers, as they are the ones who give their time and resources to meet with families and provide support. (Telephone: 603-362-9957)

Respectfully submitted,
Debra DeSimone, Chairman
Board of Directors

LAMPREY HEALTH CARE

Lamprey Health Care (LHC) provides comprehensive care to the residents of southeastern New Hampshire, including primary care, prenatal care, pediatric care, reproductive health services, alcohol and substance abuse counseling, nutrition counseling, diabetes education, Reach Out and Read (an early literacy program), and senior transportation. To schedule an appointment, please call (603) 659-3106.

Newton residents utilize Lamprey's Transportation program for shopping trips, medical appointments, and monthly recreational outings. Vans are handicap accessible and drivers are trained Transportation Health Workers who receive Patient Assistance Training. Access to essential services makes it possible for seniors to remain self-sufficient and in their own homes. Handicap accessible buses take seniors and those with disabilities to the grocery store, pharmacy, doctor, or bank and provide a good opportunity to socialize. The service is door-to-door and reservations are made through the transportation manager or with one of the agency's twenty senior volunteers by calling 1-800-582-7214 or (603) 659-2424 Monday – Friday, 8:00 Am to 4:00 PM. In Fiscal Year 2012/2013, Lamprey Health Care provided the following services to Newton residents:

Medical Visits: 71 Newton residents made 313 visits to Lamprey Health Care. Lamprey Health Care provided \$1,243 in free or reduced care to Newton residents.

Transportation Units of Service: A unit of service is one ride to a destination. 887 rides were provided to Newton's senior citizens. The cost of a unit of transportation service is approximately \$10. Unit costs vary greatly depending on the number of people in a vehicle and the distance traveled.

With your continued support of \$1,600 for Year 2014, we can continue to improve access and the health of your residents. For more information, visit our website at www.lampreyhealth.org (Telephone: 603-659-3106)

Respectfully submitted,
Debora Bartley
Director of Community Services